

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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NOTICE

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SUBJECT: Voluntary Contributions.

1. In the next few months, various national and local organizations will make direct appeals to the people throughout the Government for financial support in carrying out their programs of safeguarding and improving the lives of thousands of men, women and children in this and other communities throughout the nation.

2. Past experience has shown that these services have been most effective in providing social and recreational services, insurance against privation and juvenile delinquency, as well as sickness and accident prevention.

3. In order that you will have sufficient information concerning the objectives of these organizations, and the types of service rendered the community, the following information is provided:

a. The Metropolitan Police Boys Club is a community organization which conducts a membership drive yearly to finance seven boys clubs and summer camps for less fortunate youngsters of Washington. The money obtained from these campaigns makes it possible for more than 17,000 boys to participate in clean recreational activities and to become strong American citizens. To finance this worthy cause, the campaign committee has set for its 1950 goal, a total of 150,000 memberships. Various types of memberships are available to the public with dues ranging from one dollar to one hundred dollars annually. The campaign started 3 January and will continue through the early part of February.

b. The Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation drive for money to fight rheumatic diseases is a new campaign, but when it is realized that arthritis sufferers outnumber all victims of cancer, diabetes, heart trouble, and tuberculosis combined, the need for funds is self-evident.

The Foundation's goal for 1950 is 2,000,000 dollars to be used for vastly expanded research, hospital beds and clinics, nationwide public education to halt the progress of the disease, and retraining and rehabilitation for nearly a million permanently disabled arthritis victims.

The campaign began 1 January and continues through 31 January.

c. The National Symphony Orchestra Association was incorporated in December 1931, under the laws of the District of Columbia, as a musical, educational and non-profit corporation.

Annual Membership in the Association is composed of those who contribute 25 dollars or more to the Sustaining Fund Drive. A contribution of ten dollars entitles the contributor to an Associate Membership. It is felt that all serious music-lovers will want to contribute in order that the National Symphony Orchestra can continue to grow and improve as it has shown itself capable of doing in recent years.

d. The Crippled Children's Society Drive begins 15 February and ends 1 March. The Society is a national organization devoted to the cause of caring for afflicted children and equipping them for later life.

e. The March of Dimes is a well-known cause; its goal is to stop the spread of infantile paralysis and provide treatment and rehabilitation for those now afflicted. The campaign began 14 January and will continue through 31 January.

f. The American Red Cross is a national organization which maintains relations with 67 other Red Cross societies throughout the world. It serves the armed forces abroad and at home. It functions as the national relief agency when disaster strikes. It promotes health and safety through its first aid and accident prevention, nursing, and national blood programs. The campaign for funds of this organization will be carried on through the month of March. Sixty-seven million dollars will be required to carry on the worth-while work of this activity. The goal for the Washington Metropolitan Area is 1,039,000 dollars.

g. The American Cancer Society is a national organization established to conduct research, promote education and furnish surveys to find the cause and cure for cancer, to educate the people to see their doctors upon the first danger signals of the disease, and to promote in general such authentic and approved projects as will help bring cancer under control.

The financial drive of this society will take place during the month of April. The goal of the campaign is to obtain a contribution of one dollar from each Government employee. Sixty per cent of each dollar contributed will remain in this community to promote the study of cancer control, 25 per cent will be used for research, and 15 per cent will be devoted to educational and administrative work.

4. Although it is appreciated that the personnel of this Agency have responded time and time again to these various causes, it is believed that the worth of the current campaigns is clearly evident, and it is therefore urged that everyone contribute according to his own personal financial situation. Keyworkers in each Division will be available to receive voluntary contributions for the above-named causes. Contributions to these charitable organizations may be counted as allowable deductions on next year's income tax returns.

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